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### USDA to Survey Wheat Growers

In October, Idaho Field office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will begin contacting wheat growers to learn about their production practices during the 2012 growing season. NASS and USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) jointly conduct the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS), which gathers data on farmers' chemical use and pest management and irrigation practices for these grains.

"The results of this survey will help agricultural leaders and decision-makers better understand how producers cope with risks and make decisions about chemical use, new technologies and other aspects of farming," said NASS Idaho Field Office director Vince Matthews. "Producers themselves can use the survey results to make irrigation and production decisions on their farm"

ARMS serves as the primary source of information on production practices, resource use and economic well-being of America's farm operations and farm households. Beginning in October and continuing through mid-December, NASS representatives will conduct face-to-face interviews with more than 6,000 growers nationwide, including 100 in Idaho.

"Interviewers will ask all growers to provide information on their fertilizer or nutrient use, their pest management and irrigation practices," added Matthews. "Early next year, we will follow up with some participants to obtain additional economic and cost of production data."

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes data only in aggregate form, ensuring that no individual operation or grower can be identified.

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